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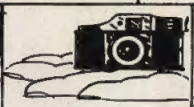

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IT IS SAID THAT THE INVENTION OF THE WHEEL MADE THE WORLD GO ROUND-- BUT TO ONE MAN IT MEANT A ROUND OF ROBBERIES! FOR, IT WAS WITH THE CUNNING USE OF WHEELS THAT HE DEFIED THE LAW--AND VERY NEARLY DEFEATED BATMAN AND ROBIN-- UNTIL THEY FINALLY PUT THE BRAKES TO...
CRIMES OF THE WHEEL
NOW, BATMAN AND ROBIN-- YOU'RE GOING TO PLAY THE ROULETTE WHEEL! BUT IN THIS GAME, IF YOUR NUMBER "WINS"--YOU LOSE!
GOLLY, BATMAN-- IF THAT HEAVY STEEL BALL EVER CRASHES DOWN INTO THIS SLOT, WE'RE FINISHED!
BOB KANE
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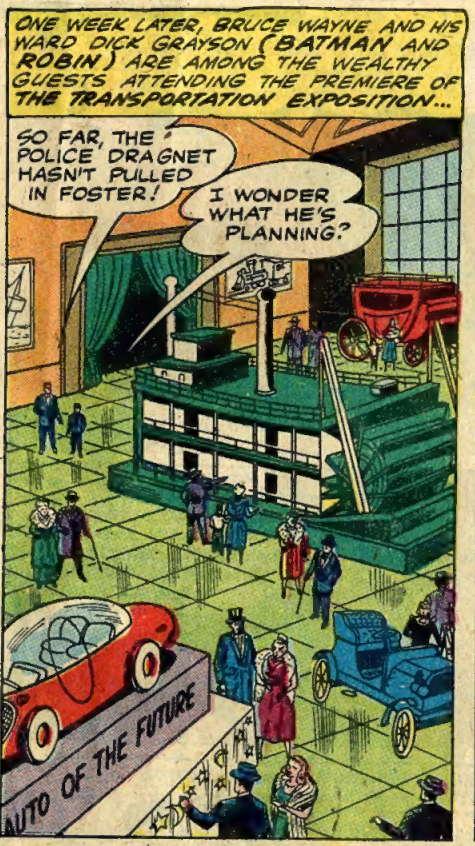
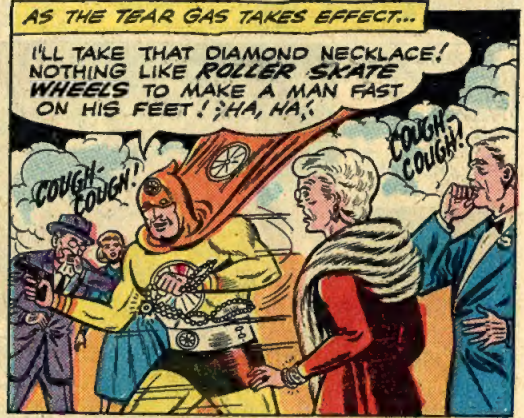
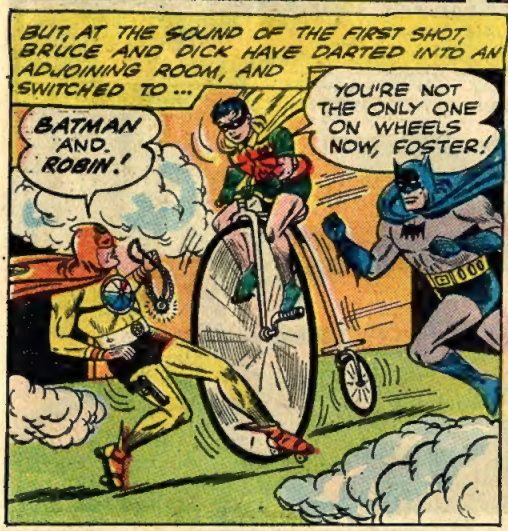
ONE NIGHT, IN GOTHAM CITY, A POLICE RAID DISCLOSES A SECRET SETTING FOR CRIME.
YOU WERE RIGHT, BATMAN! FOSTER'S RESTAURANT WAS JUST A FRONT FOR HIS GAMBLING DEN BACK HERE!
A POLICE RAID!
AS FRANK "WHEELS" FOSTER TRIES TO ESCAPE...
YOU MAY HAVE BEEN A BIG WHEEL AMONG GAMBLERS--BUT YOU'VE COME TO A DEAD STOP NOW!
NOT LONG AFTER, FOSTER'S TRIAL ENDS WITH A PRISON SENTENCE...
WELL, LOOK WHO ROLLED IN--THE BIG WHEEL HIMSELF!
HOW'D YOU SKID IN HERE, WHEEL? HA, HA, HA!
FOSTER'S CELLMATES TAUNT HIM MERCILESSLY UNTIL ONE DAY IN THE PRISON YARD...
A TIRE BLEW--SENDING THE TRUCK CAREENING TOWARDS THE GATE! THIS IS MY CHANCE--!
CRASH
BANG!
AND BEFORE ANYONE IS AWARE OF IT, "WHEELS" FOSTER TAKES ADVANTAGE OF THE CONFUSION BY ESCAPING...
A WHEEL WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR FREEING ME, SO IT MUST BE AN OMEN OF MY FUTURE! I'LL ORGANIZE A GANG AND USE WHEELS FOR CRIMES!

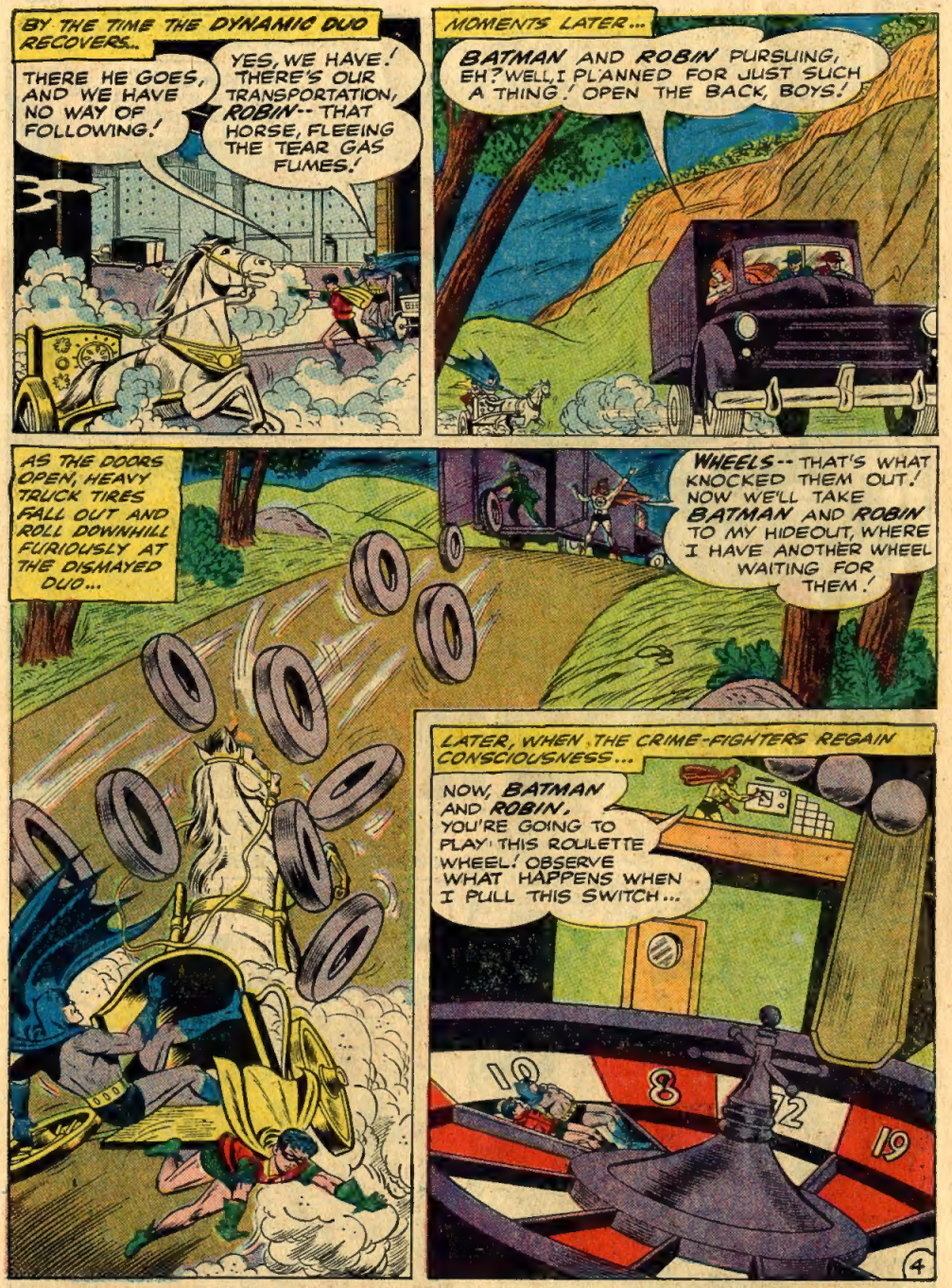

ONE WEEK LATER, BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD DICK GRAYSON (BATMAN AND ROBIN) ARE AMONG THE WEALTHY GUESTS ATTENDING THE PREMIERE OF THE TRANSPORTATION EXPOSITION...
SO FAR, THE POLICE DRAGNET HASN'T PULLED IN FOSTER!
I WONDER WHAT HE'S PLANNING?
AUTO OF THE FUTURE

DICK'S QUESTION IS ANSWERED SOONER THAN HE EXPECTED, FOR ABRUPTLY...
MY FIRST WHEELS CRIME! I'LL PUNCTURE THOSE TIRES WHICH I FILLED WITH TEAR GAS BEFORE THE CAR WAS PUT ON EXHIBITION!
BANG!
FUTURE


AS THE TEAR GAS TAKES EFFECT...
I'LL TAKE THAT DIAMOND NECKLACE! NOTHING LIKE ROLLER SKATE WHEELS TO MAKE A MAN FAST ON HIS FEET! HA, HA!
COUGH-COUGH!
COUGH-COUGH!


BUT, AT THE SOUND OF THE FIRST SHOT, BRUCE AND DICK HAVE DARTED INTO AN ADJOINING ROOM, AND SWITCHED TO...
BATMAN AND ROBIN!
YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE ON WHEELS NOW, FOSTER!

BUT FOSTER IS PREPARED FOR ANY OPPOSITION! WHIPPING A PINWHEEL FROM A POCKET IN HIS CAPE, HE IGNITES IT, AND...
THIS WHEEL WILL STOP YOU LONG ENOUGH--!


BY THE TIME THE DYNAMIC DUO RECOVERS...
THERE HE GOES, AND WE HAVE NO WAY OF FOLLOWING!
YES, WE HAVE! THERE'S OUR TRANSPORTATION, ROBIN-- THAT HORSE, FLEEING THE TEAR GAS FUMES!
MOMENTS LATER...
BATMAN AND ROBIN PURSUING, EH? WELL, I PLANNED FOR JUST SUCH A THING! OPEN THE BACK, BOYS!
AS THE DOORS OPEN, HEAVY TRUCK TIRES FALL OUT AND ROLL DOWNHILL FURIOUSLY AT THE DISMAYED DUO...
WHEELS-- THAT'S WHAT KNOCKED THEM OUT! NOW WE'LL TAKE BATMAN AND ROBIN TO MY HIDEOUT, WHERE I HAVE ANOTHER WHEEL WAITING FOR THEM!
LATER, WHEN THE CRIME-FIGHTERS REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS...
NOW, BATMAN AND ROBIN, YOU'RE GOING TO PLAY THIS ROULETTE WHEEL! OBSERVE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I PULL THIS SWITCH...
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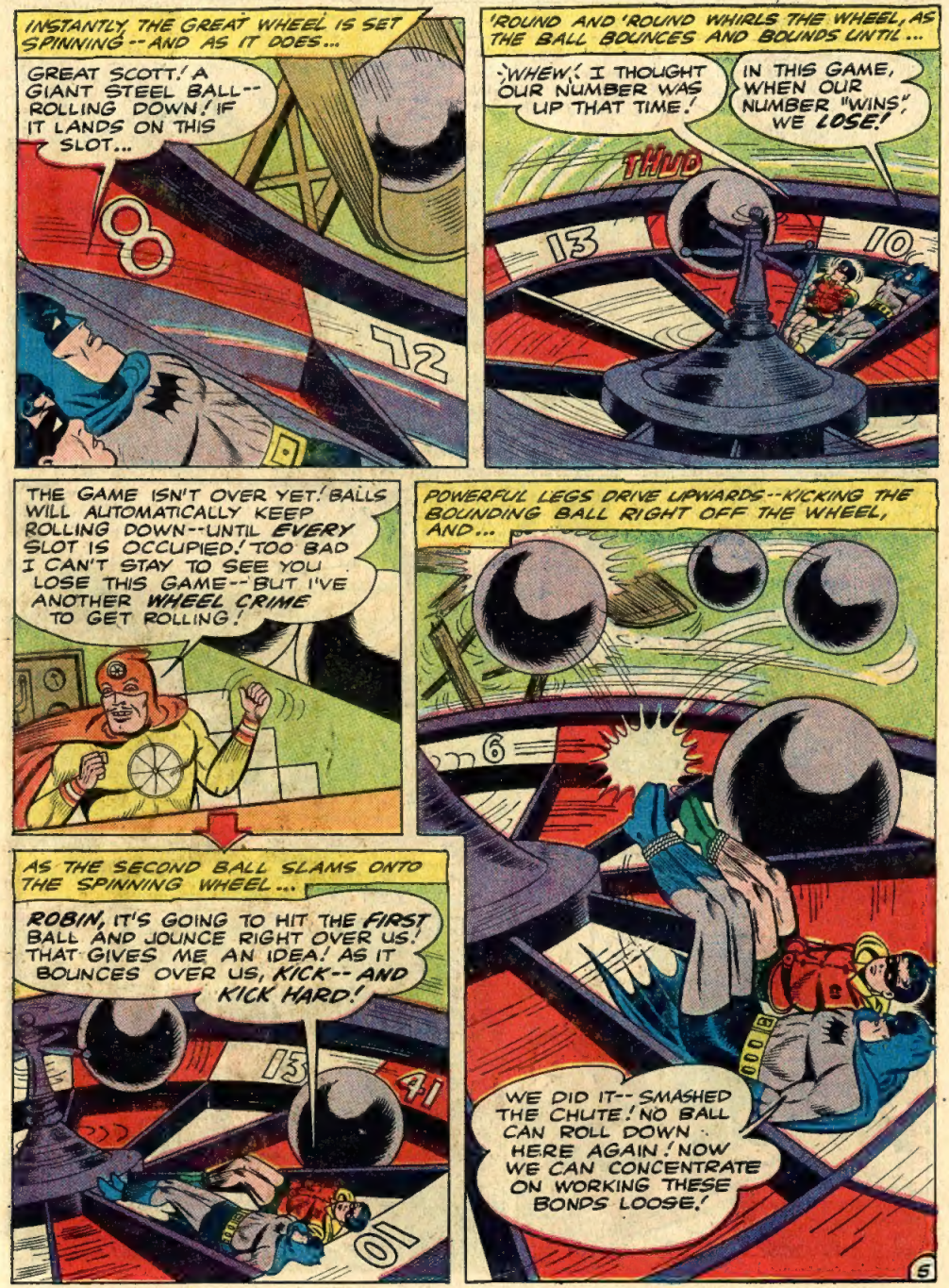
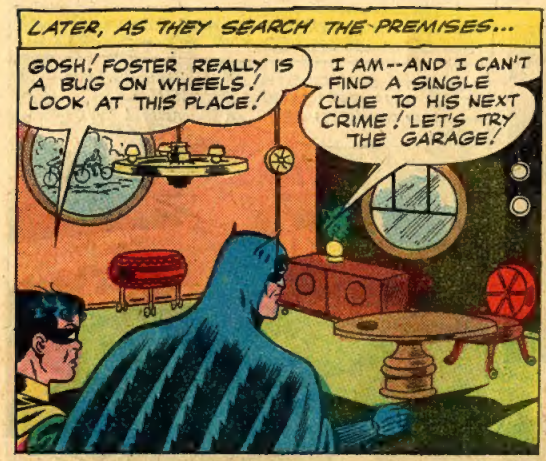
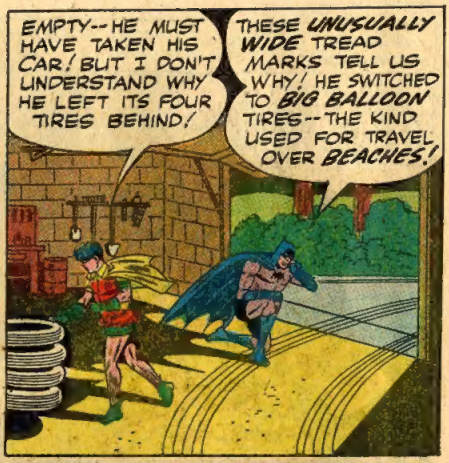
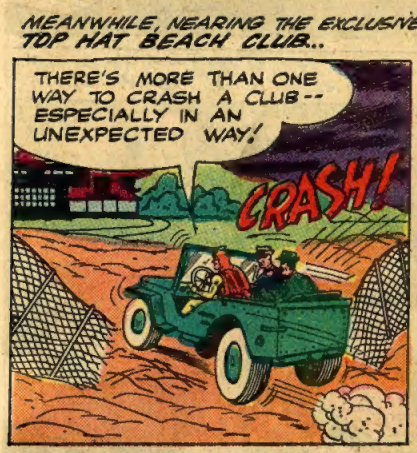
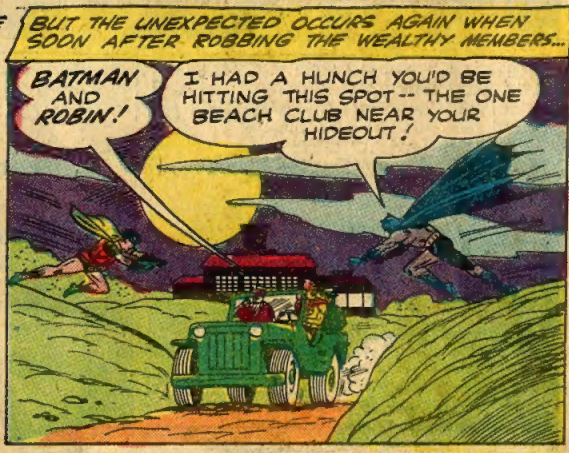

INSTANTLY THE GREAT WHEEL IS SET SPINNING--AND AS IT DOES...
GREAT SCOTT! A GIANT STEEL BALL--ROLLING DOWN! IF IT LANDS ON THIS SLOT...
'ROUND AND 'ROUND WHIRLS THE WHEEL, AS THE BALL BOUNCES AND BOUNDS UNTIL...
WHEW! I THOUGHT OUR NUMBER WAS UP THAT TIME!
IN THIS GAME, WHEN OUR NUMBER "WINS", WE LOSE!
THUD
THE GAME ISN'T OVER YET! BALLS WILL AUTOMATICALLY KEEP ROLLING DOWN--UNTIL EVERY SLOT IS OCCUPIED! TOO BAD I CAN'T STAY TO SEE YOU LOSE THIS GAME--BUT I'VE ANOTHER WHEEL CRIME TO GET ROLLING!
POWERFUL LEGS DRIVE UPWARDS--KICKING THE BOUNDING BALL RIGHT OFF THE WHEEL, AND...
AS THE SECOND BALL SLAMS ONTO THE SPINNING WHEEL...
ROBIN, IT'S GOING TO HIT THE FIRST BALL AND JOUNCE RIGHT OVER US! THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA! AS IT BOUNCES OVER US, KICK--AND KICK HARD!
WE DID IT--SMASHED THE CHUTE! NO BALL CAN ROLL DOWN HERE AGAIN! NOW WE CAN CONCENTRATE ON WORKING THESE BONDS LOOSE!

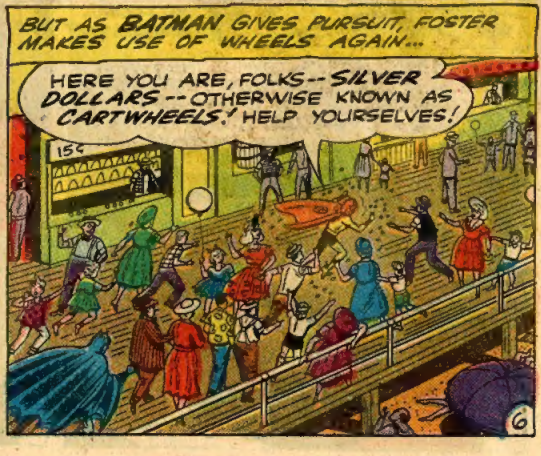

LATER, AS THEY SEARCH THE PREMISES...
GOSH! FOSTER REALLY IS A BUG ON WHEELS! LOOK AT THIS PLACE!
I AM--AND I CAN'T FIND A SINGLE CLUE TO HIS NEXT CRIME! LET'S TRY THE GARAGE!


EMPTY--HE MUST HAVE TAKEN HIS CAR! BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY HE LEFT ITS FOUR TIRES BEHIND!
THESE UNUSUALLY WIDE TREAD MARKS TELL US WHY! HE SWITCHED TO BIG BALLOON TIRES--THE KIND USED FOR TRAVEL OVER BEACHES!


MEANWHILE, NEARING THE EXCLUSIVE TOP HAT BEACH CLUB...
THERE'S MORE THAN ONE WAY TO CRASH A CLUB--ESPECIALLY IN AN UNEXPECTED WAY!
CRASH!


BUT THE UNEXPECTED OCCURS AGAIN WHEN SOON AFTER ROBBING THE WEALTHY MEMBERS...
BATMAN AND ROBIN!
I HAD A HUNCH YOU'D BE HITTING THIS SPOT--THE ONE BEACH CLUB NEAR YOUR HIDEOUT!

BATMAN--FOSTER'S GETTING AWAY!
THE AMUSEMENTS ON THE BOARDWALK NEARBY! I CAN LOSE MYSELF IN THE CROWD!


BUT AS BATMAN GIVES PURSUIT, FOSTER MAKES USE OF WHEELS AGAIN...
HERE YOU ARE, FOLKS--SILVER DOLLARS--OTHERWISE KNOWN AS CARTWHEELS! HELP YOURSELVES!
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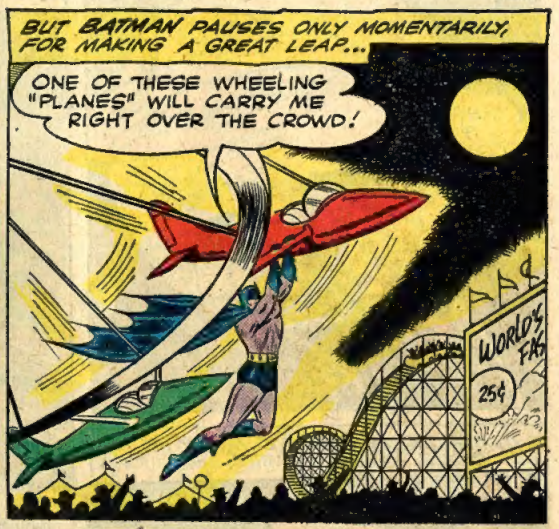
WHAT...? THE CROWD'S BLOCKED ME OFF!
HA! HA!


BUT BATMAN PAUSES ONLY MOMENTARILY, FOR MAKING A GREAT LEAP...
ONE OF THESE WHEELING "PLANES" WILL CARRY ME RIGHT OVER THE CROWD!
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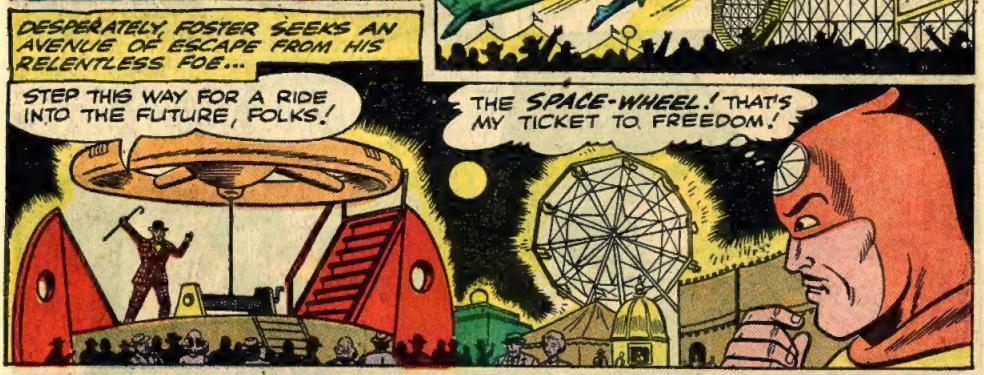
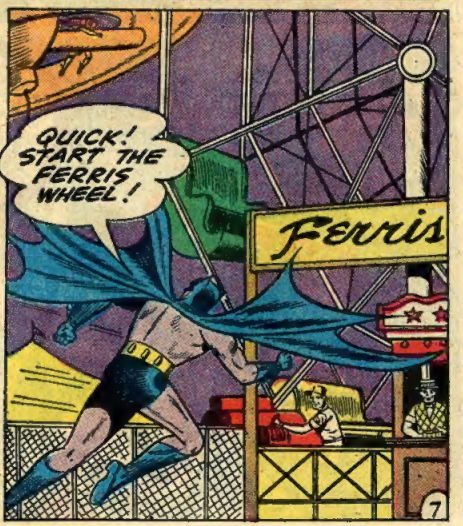

DESPERATELY, FOSTER SEEKS AN AVENUE OF ESCAPE FROM HIS RELENTLESS FOE...
STEP THIS WAY FOR A RIDE INTO THE FUTURE, FOLKS!
THE SPACE-WHEEL! THAT'S MY TICKET TO FREEDOM!

BEFORE ANYONE CAN INTERFERE, FOSTER RELEASES THE BUOYANT, GAS-FILLED "SPACE-WHEEL," AND...
SO LONG, BATMAN!


QUICK! START THE FERRIS WHEEL!
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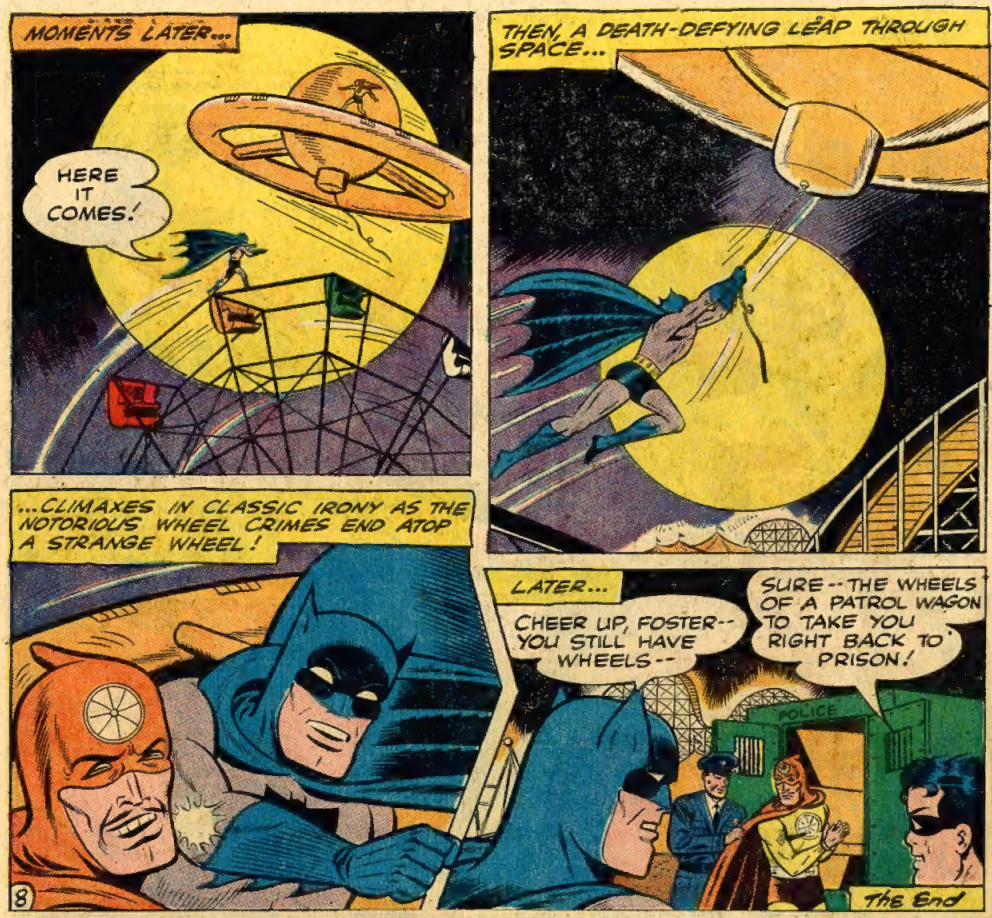
MOMENTS LATER...
HERE IT COMES!
THEN, A DEATH-DEFYING LEAP THROUGH SPACE...
...CLIMAXES IN CLASSIC IRONY AS THE NOTORIOUS WHEEL CRIMES END ATOP A STRANGE WHEEL!
LATER...
CHEER UP, FOSTER-- YOU STILL HAVE WHEELS--
SURE--THE WHEELS OF A PATROL WAGON TO TAKE YOU RIGHT BACK TO PRISON!
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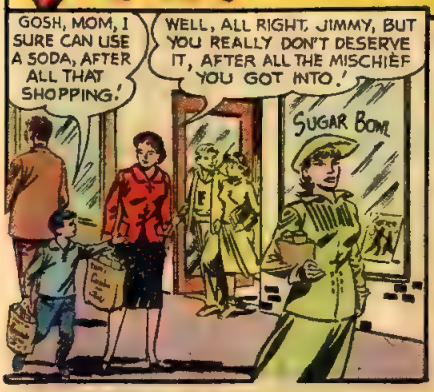
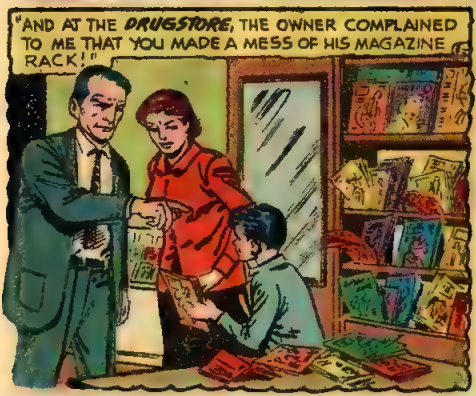
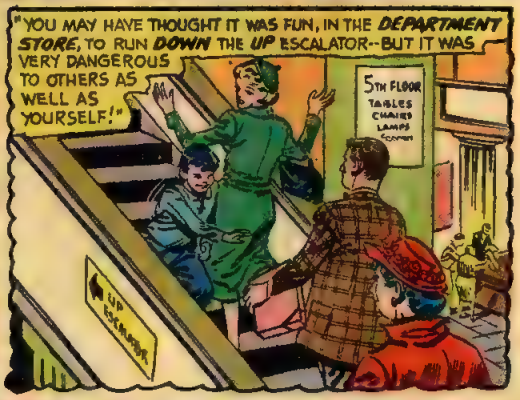

GOSH, MOM, I SURE CAN USE A SODA, AFTER ALL THAT SHOPPING!
WELL, ALL RIGHT, JIMMY, BUT YOU REALLY DON'T DESERVE IT, AFTER ALL THE MISCHIEF YOU GOT INTO!
SUGAR BOWL

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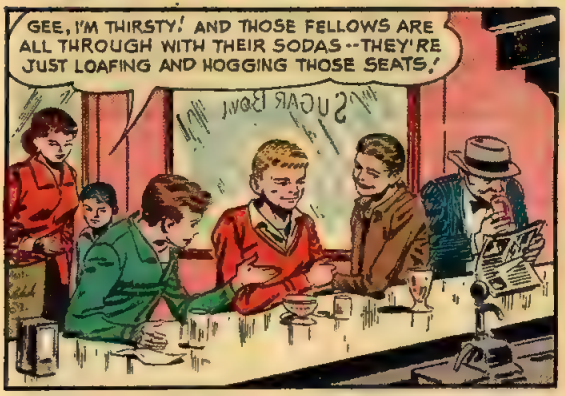
LAMPS
UP ESCALATOR


GEE, I'M THIRSTY! AND THOSE FELLOWS ARE ALL THROUGH WITH THEIR SODAS--THEY'RE JUST LOAFING AND HOGGING THOSE SEATS!
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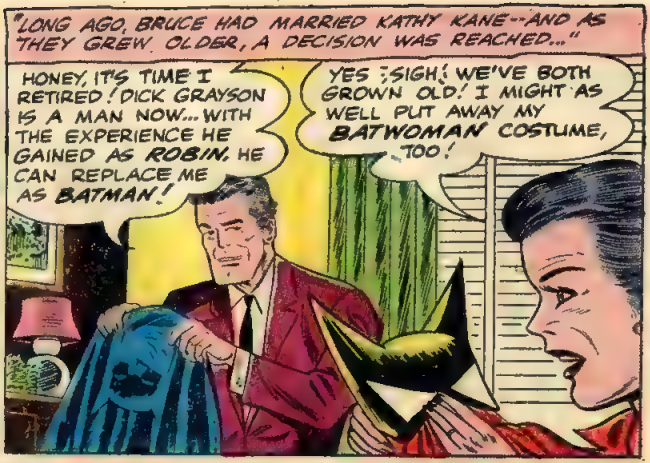
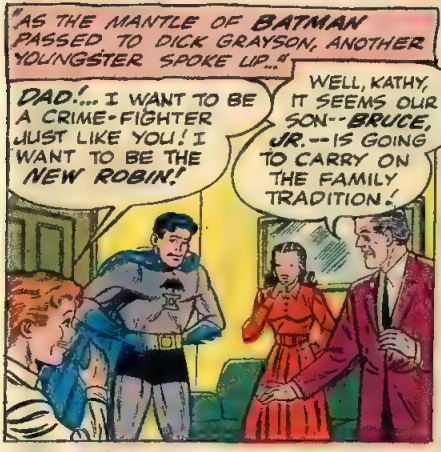
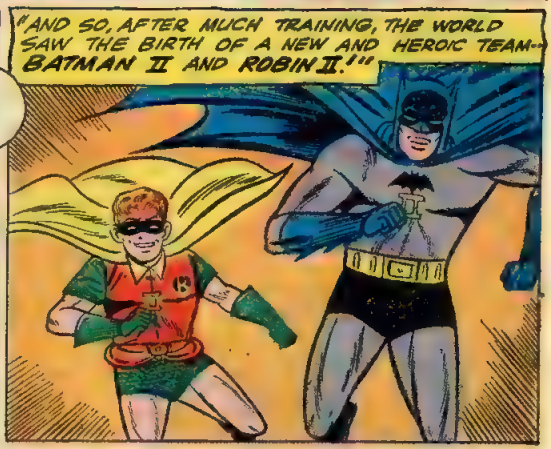
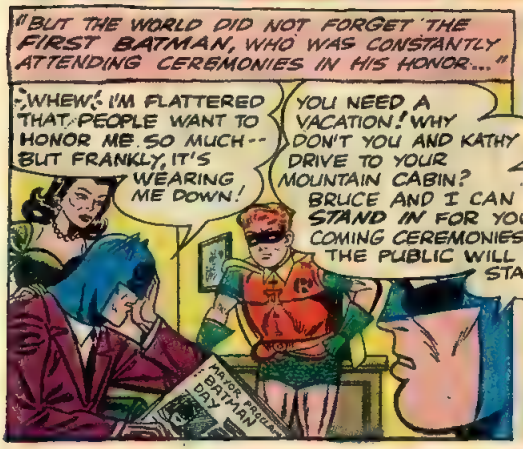
the RETURN of the SECOND BATMAN and ROBIN TEAM
WAIT, CRANDALL! IT'S AGAINST ME YOU'RE SEEKING VENGEANCE! LET THEM GO, AND I PROMISE TO TAKE THEIR PLACE ON THE SKYROCKET!
SO!... I'VE FINALLY SMOKED YOU OUT OF HIDING, BATMAN!

THESE ARE THE HANDS OF ALFRED, FOR MANY YEARS THE BUTLER AND CONFIDANT OF BRUCE (BATMAN) WAYNE...
I, ALFRED, AM AGAIN TYPING AN ADVENTURE THAT MAY TAKE PLACE AFTER MY MASTER HANGS AWAY HIS ACTION COSTUME FOREVER...


"LONG AGO, BRUCE HAD MARRIED KATHY KANE--AND AS THEY GREW OLDER, A DECISION WAS REACHED..."
HONEY, IT'S TIME I RETIRED! DICK GRAYSON IS A MAN NOW... WITH THE EXPERIENCE HE GAINED AS ROBIN, HE CAN REPLACE ME AS BATMAN!
YES ;SIGH; WE'VE BOTH GROWN OLD! I MIGHT AS WELL PUT AWAY MY BATWOMAN COSTUME, TOO!


"AS THE MANTLE OF BATMAN PASSED TO DICK GRAYSON, ANOTHER YOUNGSTER SPOKE UP..."
DAD!... I WANT TO BE A CRIME-FIGHTER JUST LIKE YOU! I WANT TO BE THE NEW ROBIN!
WELL, KATHY, IT SEEMS OUR SON--BRUCE, JR.--IS GOING TO CARRY ON THE FAMILY TRADITION!


"AND SO, AFTER MUCH TRAINING, THE WORLD SAW THE BIRTH OF A NEW AND HEROIC TEAM--BATMAN II AND ROBIN II!"


"BUT THE WORLD DID NOT FORGET THE FIRST BATMAN, WHO WAS CONSTANTLY ATTENDING CEREMONIES IN HIS HONOR..."
;WHEW; I'M FLATTERED THAT PEOPLE WANT TO HONOR ME SO MUCH--BUT FRANKLY, IT'S WEARING ME DOWN!
YOU NEED A VACATION! WHY DON'T YOU AND KATHY DRIVE TO YOUR MOUNTAIN CABIN? BRUCE AND I CAN STAND IN FOR YOU AT COMING CEREMONIES...THE PUBLIC WILL UNDERSTAND!
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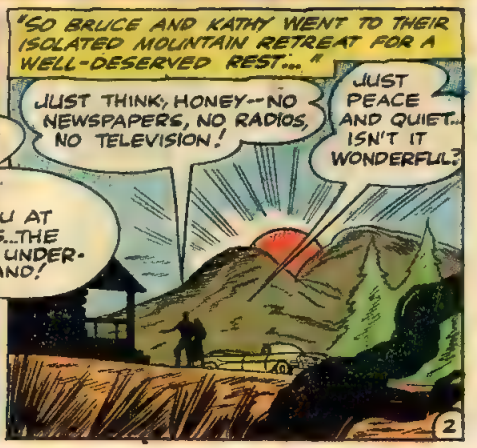
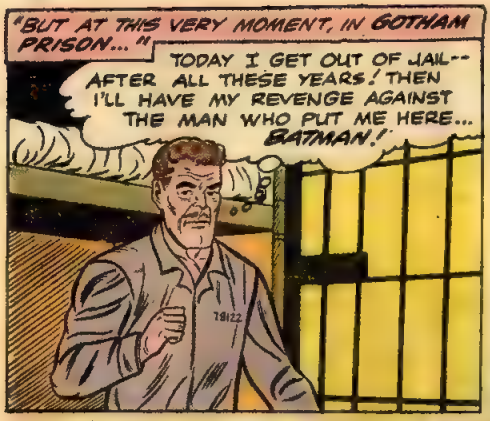

"SO BRUCE AND KATHY WENT TO THEIR ISOLATED MOUNTAIN RETREAT FOR A WELL-DESERVED REST..."
JUST THINK, HONEY--NO NEWSPAPERS, NO RADIOS, NO TELEVISION!
JUST PEACE AND QUIET... ISN'T IT WONDERFUL?


"BUT AT THIS VERY MOMENT, IN GOTHAM PRISON..."
TODAY I GET OUT OF JAIL--AFTER ALL THESE YEARS! THEN I'LL HAVE MY REVENGE AGAINST THE MAN WHO PUT ME HERE... BATMAN!
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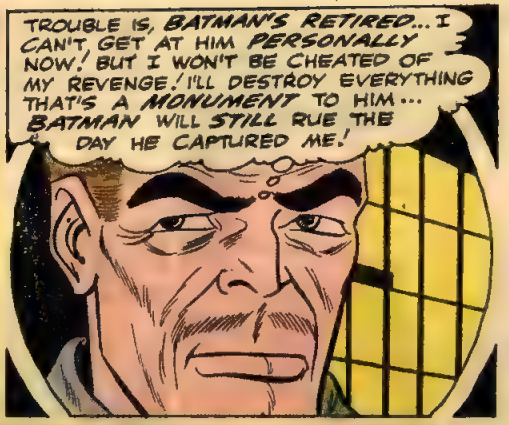
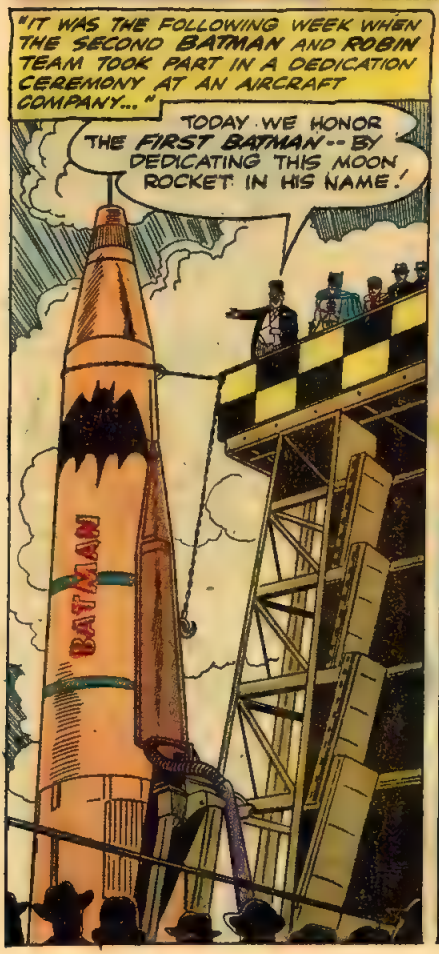
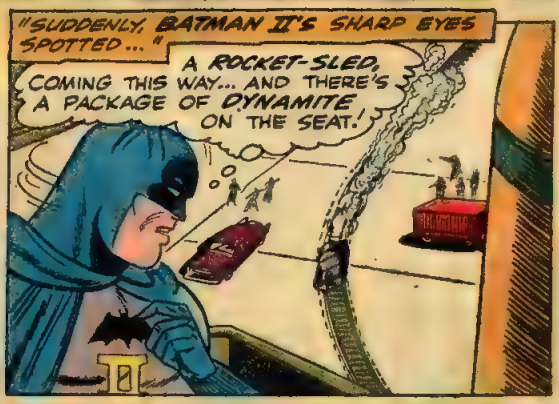
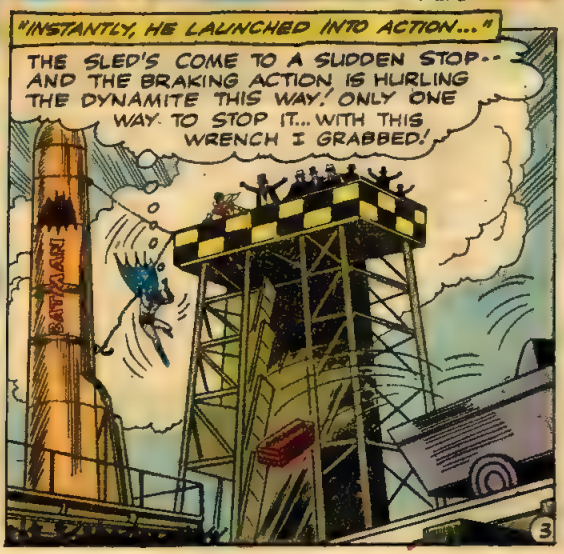

TROUBLE IS, BATMAN'S RETIRED... I CAN'T GET AT HIM PERSONALLY NOW! BUT I WON'T BE CHEATED OF MY REVENGE! I'LL DESTROY EVERYTHING THAT'S A MONUMENT TO HIM... BATMAN WILL STILL RUE THE DAY HE CAPTURED ME!


"IT WAS THE FOLLOWING WEEK WHEN THE SECOND BATMAN AND ROBIN TEAM TOOK PART IN A DEDICATION CEREMONY AT AN AIRCRAFT COMPANY..."
TODAY WE HONOR THE FIRST BATMAN -- BY DEDICATING THIS MOON ROCKET IN HIS NAME!
BATMAN


"SUDDENLY, BATMAN II'S SHARP EYES SPOTTED..."
A ROCKET-SLED, COMING THIS WAY... AND THERE'S A PACKAGE OF DYNAMITE ON THE SEAT!


"INSTANTLY, HE LAUNCHED INTO ACTION..."
THE SLED'S COME TO A SUDDEN STOP -- AND THE BRAKING ACTION IS HURLING THE DYNAMITE THIS WAY! ONLY ONE WAY TO STOP IT... WITH THIS WRENCH I GRABBED!
BATMAN

"WITH PERFECT TIMING, BATMAN II HURLED THE WRENCH, HITTING THE EXPLOSIVE IN MID-AIR!"
BOOM
"THEN, A SHOUT OF ANGER WAS HEARD..."
YOU CAN'T STOP ME FOREVER! I'LL DESTROY BATMAN'S NAME YET!
GREAT SCOTT! JOHN CRANDALL -- THE CRIMINAL BATMAN PUT IN JAIL, YEARS AGO! HE'S OBSESSED WITH REVENGE! COME ON, ROBIN!
"BUT CRANDALL WAS NOT TO BE TAKEN THAT EASILY..."
HA, HA, HA!
OOF!
"BY THE TIME THE TWO CRIME-FIGHTERS GOT TO THEIR FEET AGAIN..."
HE ESCAPED!
BUT WE'LL BE RUNNING INTO HIM AGAIN... HE'LL SEE TO THAT!
"LATER, AS NEWSPAPERS HEADLINED CRANDALL'S REVENGE PLOT AGAINST THE ORIGINAL BATMAN..."
I'M SURE GLAD DAD IS VACATIONING IN A PLACE WHERE THERE'S NO WAY OF HIS KNOWING CRANDALL'S PLANS!
YES...IF HE FOUND OUT, HE'D COME BACK FAST--BECAUSE HE'D FEEL IT'S HIS FIGHT, NOT OURS!
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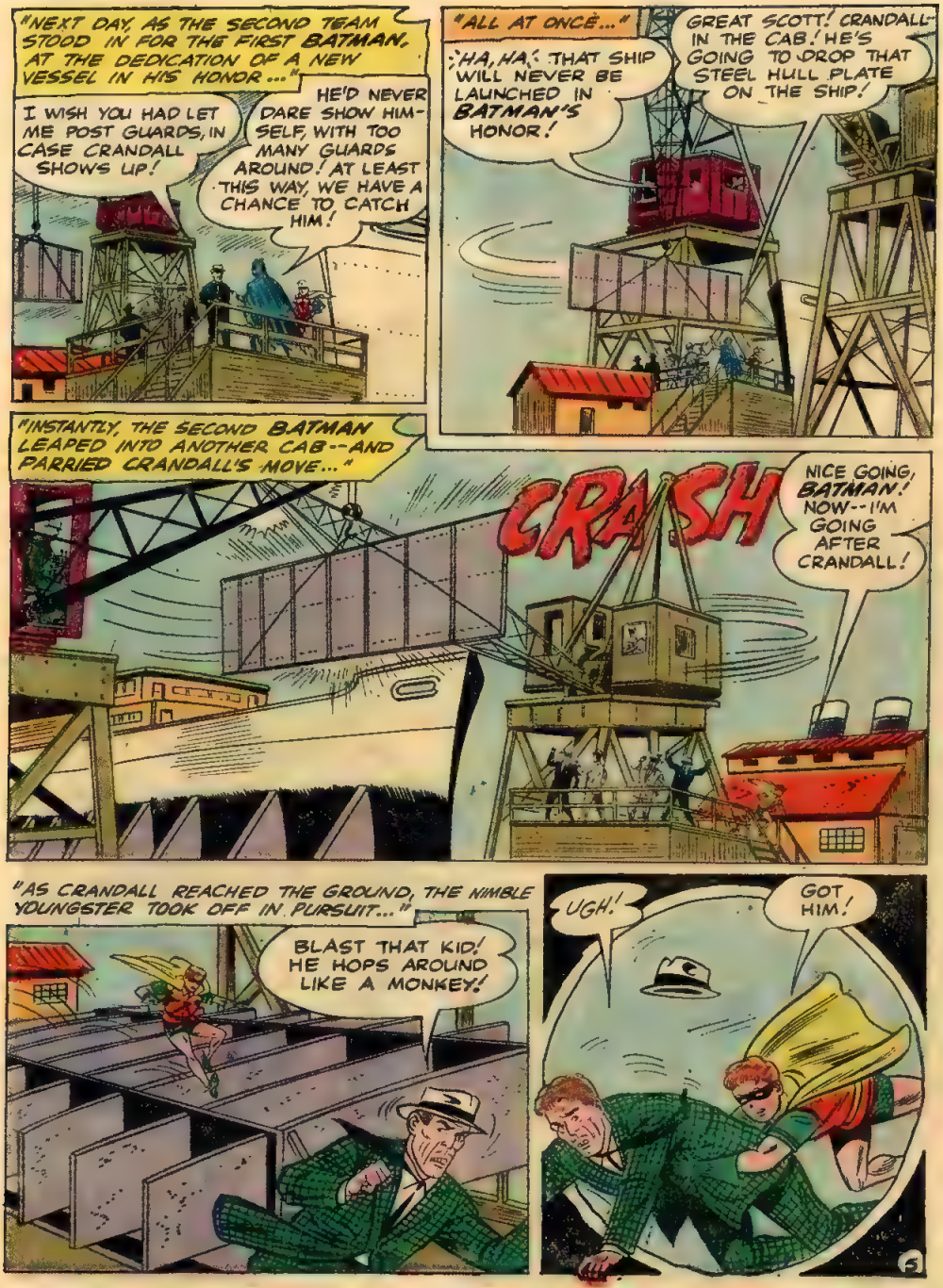
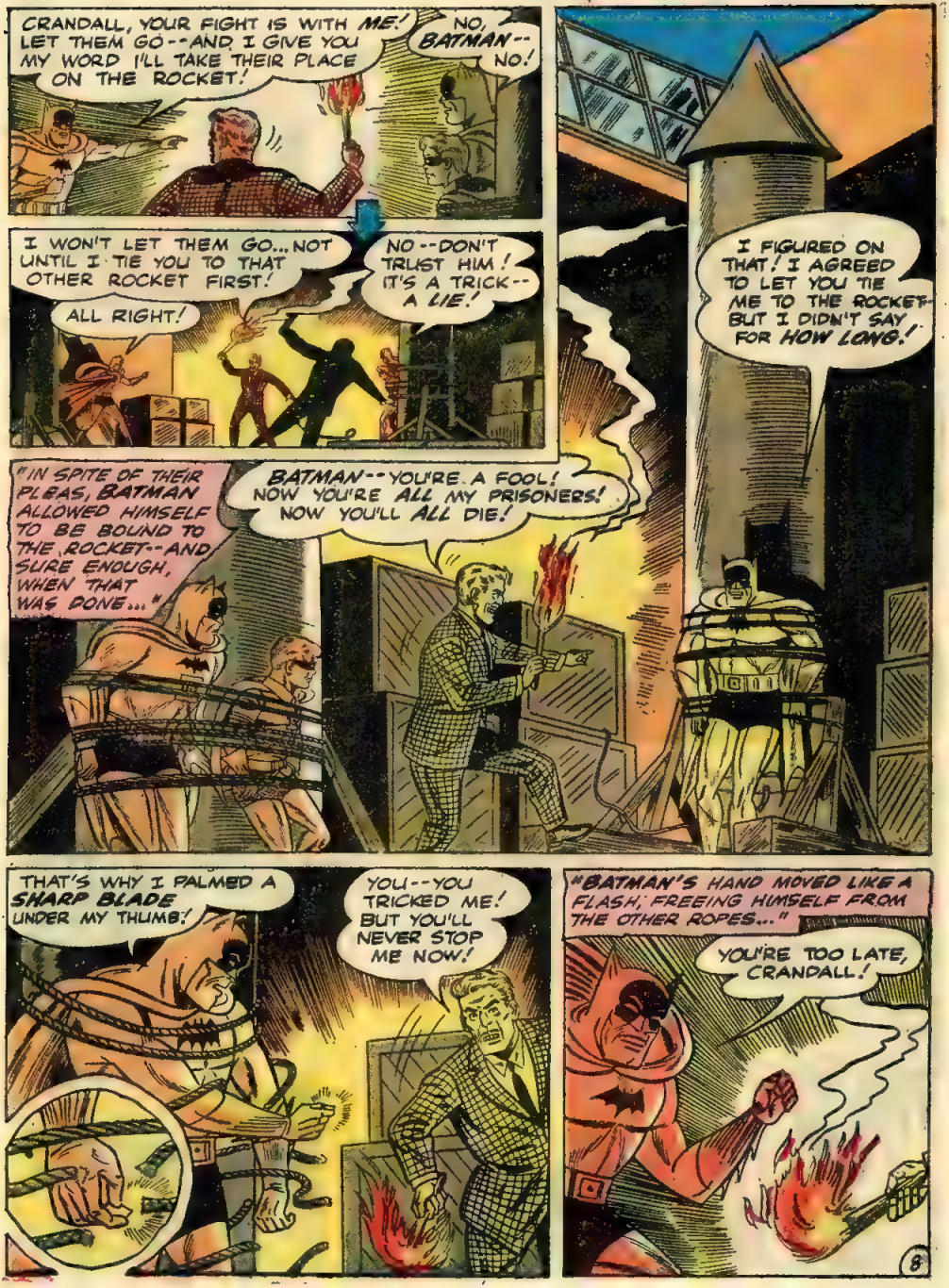
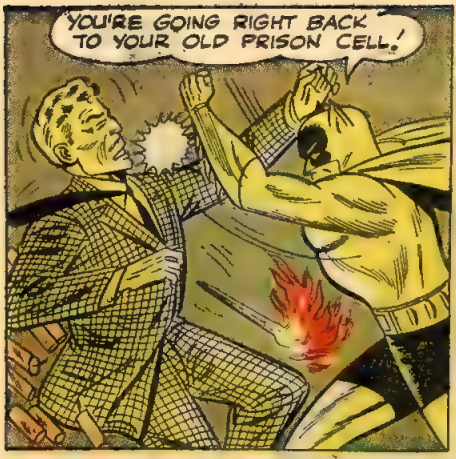
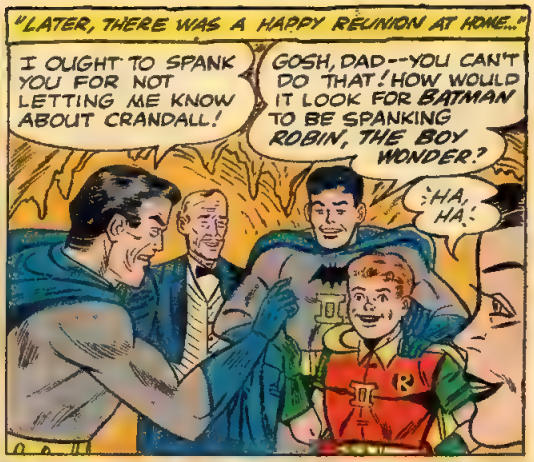

"NEXT DAY, AS THE SECOND TEAM STOOD IN FOR THE FIRST BATMAN, AT THE DEDICATION OF A NEW VESSEL IN HIS HONOR..."
I WISH YOU HAD LET ME POST GUARDS, IN CASE CRANDALL SHOWS UP!
HE'D NEVER DARE SHOW HIMSELF, WITH TOO MANY GUARDS AROUND! AT LEAST THIS WAY, WE HAVE A CHANCE TO CATCH HIM!
"ALL AT ONCE..."
"HA, HA! THAT SHIP WILL NEVER BE LAUNCHED IN BATMAN'S HONOR!
GREAT SCOTT! CRANDALL IN THE CAB! HE'S GOING TO DROP THAT STEEL HULL PLATE ON THE SHIP!
"INSTANTLY, THE SECOND BATMAN LEAPED INTO ANOTHER CAB--AND PARRIED CRANDALL'S MOVE..."
CRASH
NICE GOING, BATMAN! NOW--I'M GOING AFTER CRANDALL!
"AS CRANDALL REACHED THE GROUND, THE NIMBLE YOUNGSTER TOOK OFF IN PURSUIT..."
BLAST THAT KID! HE HOPS AROUND LIKE A MONKEY!
UGH!
GOT HIM!

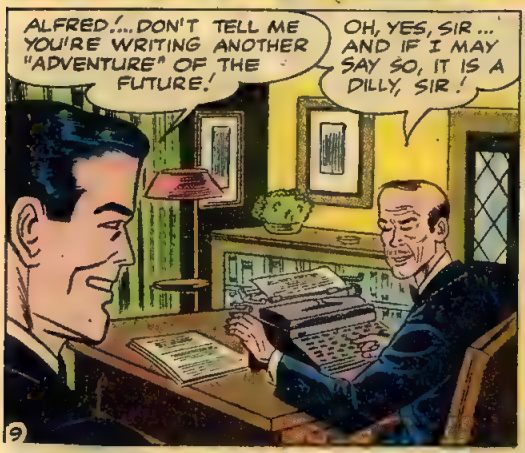
"BUT THE CRIMINAL WAS TOO CUNNING FOR THE STILL INEXPERIENCED YOUNGSTER--FOR AS ROBIN BENT OVER HIM..."
OUT-FOXED YOU, KID! I WAS ONLY FAKING UNCONSCIOUSNESS!
"RACING TO HIS GETAWAY CAR, CRANDALL TOOK TIME OUT TO SHOUT A TAUNTING CHALLENGE.."
WHERE IS THE FIRST BATMAN? IS HE AFRAID TO SHOW HIMSELF? IS HE TOO OLD TO FIGHT ME? DOES HE NEED YOUNGER MEN TO DO HIS FIGHTING FOR HIM? BATMAN IS A COWARD!
"AND AS THE CRIMINAL ESCAPED..."
BOY, HAVE I GOT LOTS TO LEARN! IT'S ALL MY FAULT HE GOT AWAY!
RELAX, SPROUT--I MADE PLENTY OF MISTAKES BEFORE I LEARNED THE ROPES! HMM--CRANDALL'S HAT.. LET'S VACUUM IT IN THE BAT-CAVE LAB.! THE DUST ON IT MIGHT GIVE US SOME CLUE TO WHERE CRANDALL'S BEEN!
"LATER, UPON INSPECTING THE DUST UNDER A MICROSCOPE..."
LOOKS LIKE THE TYPE OF POWDER USED IN FIRE-WORKS!
THERE'S A FIRE-WORKS PLANT NOT FAR FROM HERE! WE OUGHT TO LOOK IT OVER!
"MEANWHILE, UNAWARE OF CRANDALL, THE ELDER BRUCE WAS GIVING A HUNGRY TRAMP SOME FOOD, WHEN KATHY NOTICED..."
THOSE SHOES OF YOURS--THEY'RE WORN THIN! HOW CAN YOU POSSIBLY WALK ON THEM?
I STUFF THEM WITH NEWSPAPER, MA'AM!
HERE--YOU WEAR ABOUT MY SIZE! THESE SHOULD FIT YOU!
OH, SIR...I--I DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU!

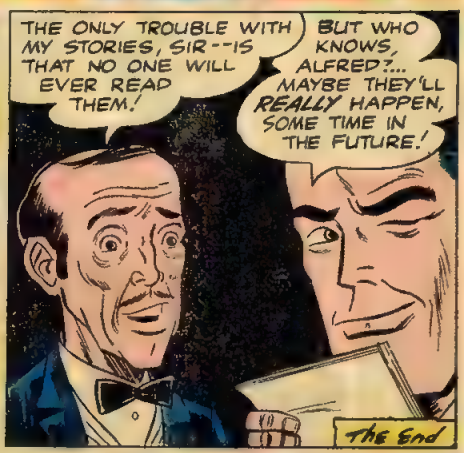
"LATER, AFTER THE TRAMP DEPARTED, AND BRUCE TOSSED AWAY HIS DISCARDED OLD SHOES..."
KATHY--THAT NEWSPAPER THAT FELL OUT OF THE TRAMP'S SHOE...IT'S GOT A HEADLINE ABOUT ME ON IT!
OH? WHAT DOES IT SAY, DEAR?
"AND SO, BY A STRANGE TWIST OF FATE, BRUCE AT LAST LEARNED OF CRANDALL'S REVENGE SCHEME..."
KATHY, GET THE CAR! WE'RE DRIVING BACK AS FAST AS WE CAN! DICK AND OUR BOY MAY BE IN DANGER BECAUSE OF ME!
"UPON RETURNING, THE MASTER INSTANTLY CONSULTED ME ABOUT THE WHEREABOUTS OF DICK AND BRUCE, JR..."
THEY WERE HERE, SIR--WORKING--AND THEN THEY LEFT HURRIEDLY!
HMM--THAT HAT... AND I SEE THE MICROSCOPE IS SET UP! I WONDER WHAT IT WAS THEY WERE CHECKING?
"AT THIS VERY MOMENT, AS THE SECOND CRIME-FIGHTING TEAM WARILY ENTERED THE DARKENED FIREWORKS PLANT..."
HA, HA! YOU YOUNG FOOLS! I DELIBERATELY LEFT MY HAT BEHIND--TO LURE YOU HERE... HA, HA, HA!
UHH... SLEEPING GAS!
"BY THE TIME THEY AWOKE..."
NOW TO LIGHT THE FUSE! THAT SKY-ROCKET WILL CARRY YOU HIGH--AND EXPLODE...AND THAT WILL BE THE END OF THE SECOND BATMAN AND ROBIN TEAM!
NO, CRANDALL--WAIT!
BATMAN!
WELL, WELL...I WAS HOPING MY INSULTS AND TAUNTS WOULD FINALLY GOAD YOU OUT OF HIDING!


CRANDALL, YOUR FIGHT IS WITH ME! LET THEM GO--AND I GIVE YOU MY WORD I'LL TAKE THEIR PLACE ON THE ROCKET!
NO, BATMAN--NO!
I WON'T LET THEM GO... NOT UNTIL I TIE YOU TO THAT OTHER ROCKET FIRST!
ALL RIGHT!
NO--DON'T TRUST HIM! IT'S A TRICK--A LIE!
I FIGURED ON THAT! I AGREED TO LET YOU TIE ME TO THE ROCKET--BUT I DIDN'T SAY FOR HOW LONG!
"IN SPITE OF THEIR PLEAS, BATMAN ALLOWED HIMSELF TO BE BOUND TO THE ROCKET--AND SURE ENOUGH, WHEN THAT WAS DONE..."
BATMAN--YOU'RE A FOOL! NOW YOU'RE ALL MY PRISONERS! NOW YOU'LL ALL DIE!
THAT'S WHY I PALMED A SHARP BLADE UNDER MY THUMB!
YOU--YOU TRICKED ME! BUT YOU'LL NEVER STOP ME NOW!
"BATMAN'S HAND MOVED LIKE A FLASH, FREEING HIMSELF FROM THE OTHER ROPES..."
YOU'RE TOO LATE, CRANDALL!




"LATER, THERE WAS A HAPPY REUNION AT HOME.."
I OUGHT TO SPANK YOU FOR NOT LETTING ME KNOW ABOUT CRANDALL!
GOSH, DAD--YOU CAN'T DO THAT! HOW WOULD IT LOOK FOR BATMAN TO BE SPANKING ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER?
:HA, HA:




THE ONLY TROUBLE WITH MY STORIES, SIR--IS THAT NO ONE WILL EVER READ THEM!
BUT WHO KNOWS, ALFRED?... MAYBE THEY'LL REALLY HAPPEN, SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE!
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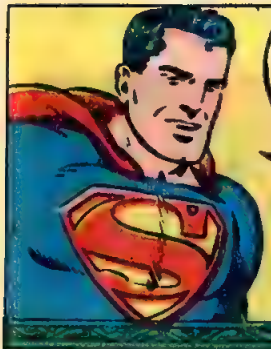

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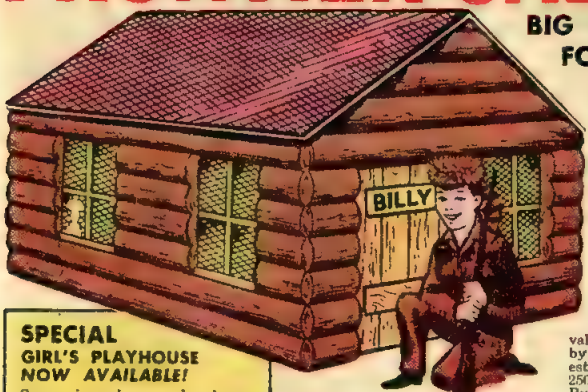

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Dear Editor: Since BATMAN and SUPERMAN both have mischievous imps from other dimensions, why don't you put these imps, BAT-MITE and MR. MXYZPTLK, together in a single adventure, to super-pester BATMAN, ROBIN and SUPERMAN?

Art Heitzer, Wauwatosa, Wis.

(Thousands of our readers have made the same suggestion. You'll be seeing those two pesky imps in the NOVEMBER issue of WORLD'S FINEST COMICS, No. 113, causing the trio many a headache in the story entitled "BAT-MITE MEETS MR. MXYZPTLK."—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: There is no runway or landing strip in the vicinity of the BAT-CAVE. How does a speedy craft like the BAT-PLANE get in and out of the BAT-CAVE?

Sheldon Hertz, Springfield, Ill.

(The BAT-PLANE has special secret copter devices, which enable it to take off and land vertically, whenever necessary.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: You sometimes show BATMAN and ROBIN examining clues in photographs which they took secretly, in the dead of night. How is this possible? It seems to me their flashbulb would give them away.

Richard Nagle, Biloxi, Miss.

(When BATMAN and ROBIN have to take night photographs without being detected, they use *infra-red light.* This form of light is invisible to the human eye, but not to the *camera* eye. The army and air force, by the way, use the same method to photograph enemy positions at night. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Will we ever see any more of BATMAN'S arch-enemy, THE JOKER?

Lance Diernback, Philadelphia, Pa.

(You certainly will, in the very next issue of BATMAN COMICS, DECEMBER, No. 136, where the caped crimefighters must face "THE CHALLENGE OF THE JOKER."—Ed.)

Dear Editor: In a recent story, "THE LAIR OF THE SEA FOX," you show BATMAN and ROBIN working underwater with their belt-radios, utility belts, etc. Wouldn't water damage their equipment, making it useless?

Billy Rayford, Vallejo, Cal.

(All of BATMAN and ROBIN'S personal equipment is waterproof.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I understand the BAT-CAVE CRIME LAB contains a LAUNDRY MARK FILE. How does it work? Of what use is it in fighting crime? Lucinda Archer, Bangor, Me.

(Every laundry has its own special code for identifying its customers. The identifying code symbol is stamped on each garment that is laundered. The LAUNDRY MARK FILE maintained by BATMAN and ROBIN is a record of each laundry's unique code. Thus, if the caped crimefighters find a garment at the scene of a crime, and this garment contains a laundry mark, they can go to the particular laundry indicated, and learn the name of the owner of that garment. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Is it true that BATMAN and ROBIN can figure out a criminal's build from his footprints? *Eloise Tozer, Montreal, B. C.*

(A footprint, left in mud, can reveal a lot about the person who left it—though this is far from a *perfect* means of identification. The size of the crook's shoe gives some clue to the build of his body. The depth of the impression provides some indication of the wearer's weight.—Ed.)

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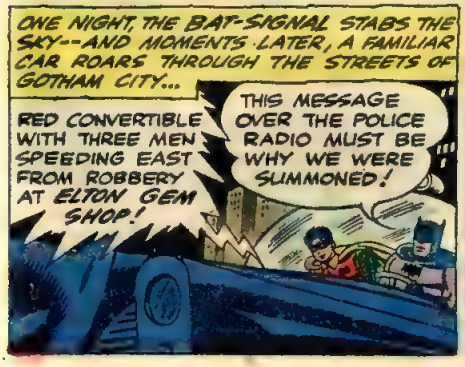
Dear Editor: I enjoy stories in which BATMAN'S life is at stake because of some super-scientific criminal device. Will we be seeing more such adventures? Ivan Rogers, Omaha, Neb.

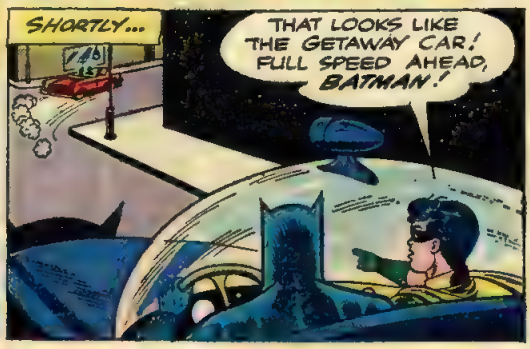
(We're planning just such an adventure in the OCTOBER issue of DETECTIVE COMICS, No. 284, where you'll see the caped crime-fighter turned into "THE NEGATIVE BATMAN." —Ed.)

BATMAN
With ROBIN THE BOY WONDER
TH-THE CREATURE... IT'S EMITTING COLORED RINGS THAT ARE ENCIRCLING US!
YES -- AND CARRYING US AWAY!
BOB KANE

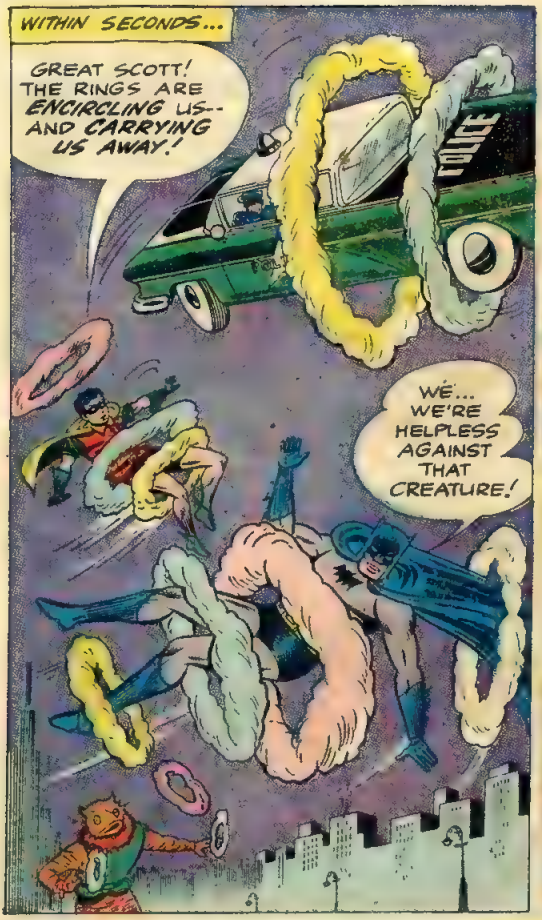
FROM OUT OF THE MOONLIT CLOUDS IT CAME, WIELDING FANTASTIC POWERS THAT MADE IT INVINCIBLE! AND WHILE A WHOLE CITY WONDERED HOW TO OVERCOME THIS UNCONQUERABLE BEING, BATMAN AND ROBIN WALKED HEAD-ON INTO DISASTER, WHEN THEY TRIED TO MEET...

the MENACE of the SKY CREATURE

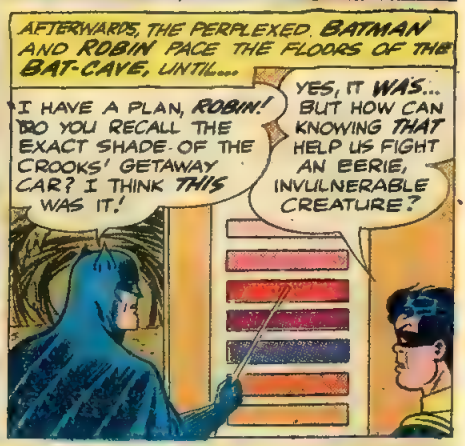

ONE NIGHT, THE BAT-SIGNAL STABS THE SKY--AND MOMENTS LATER, A FAMILIAR CAR ROARS THROUGH THE STREETS OF GOTHAM CITY...
RED CONVERTIBLE WITH THREE MEN SPEEDING EAST FROM ROBBERY AT ELTON GEM SHOP!
THIS MESSAGE OVER THE POLICE RADIO MUST BE WHY WE WERE SUMMONED!

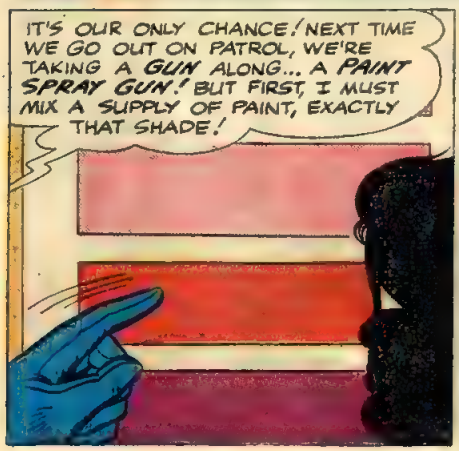


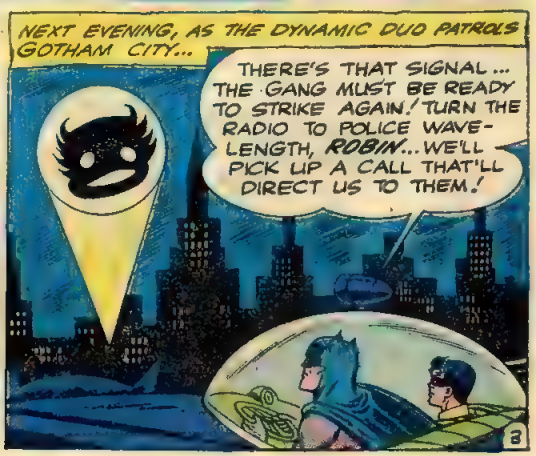
BUT JUST THEN...
GREAT SCOTT! THAT WEIRD SIGNAL FLASHING IN THE SKY... WH-WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
THE ANSWER COMES AN INSTANT AFTERWARD, WITH...
A STRANGE CREATURE -- COMING FROM THE SKY... AS IF SUMMONED BY THE SIGNAL!
SHORTLY, WHEN POLICE CARS JOIN THE BATMOBILE IN CORNERING THE QUARRY...
GOLLY!... BULLETS HAVE NO EFFECT ON THE THING! WH-WHAT IS IT?... WHERE DOES IT COME FROM?
BANG BANG
HA, HA! THE COPS CAN'T STOP US... AND NEITHER CAN BATMAN AND ROBIN. NOW THAT WE HAVE THE SKY CREATURE ON OUR SIDE! JUST WAIT TILL THEY SEE WHAT THEY'RE UP AGAINST!
INDEED, AS THE CAPED-CRIME FIGHTERS ADVANCE ON THE WEIRD CREATURE...
IT'S EMITTING EERIE, COLORED RINGS... AIMING THEM AT US!

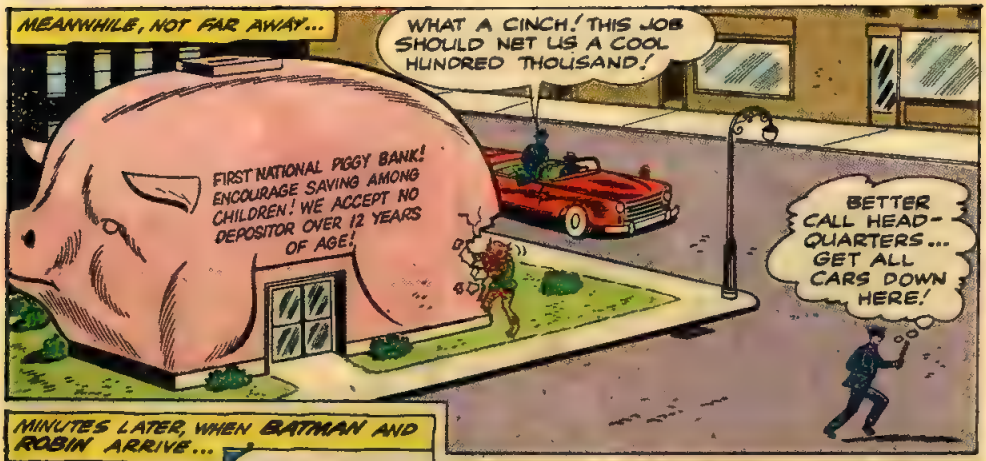

WITHIN SECONDS...
GREAT SCOTT! THE RINGS ARE ENCIRCLING US-- AND CARRYING US AWAY!
POLICE
WE... WE'RE HELPLESS AGAINST THAT CREATURE!

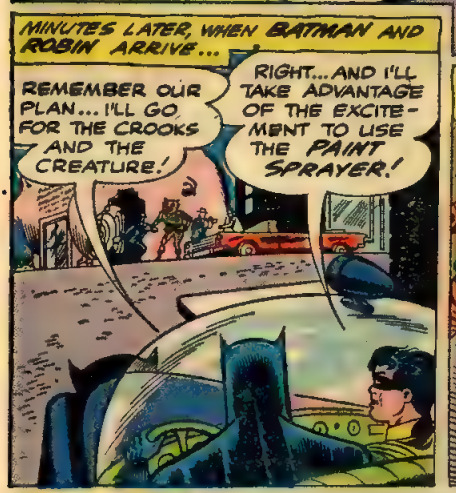
BY THE TIME THEY'RE RELEASED...
THE CREATURE-- AND THE CROOKS... GONE!
WH-WHAT CAN WE DO AGAINST THEM? UNLESS WE FIND A WAY TO COMBAT THEM, THE WHOLE CITY WILL BE AT THEIR MERCY!

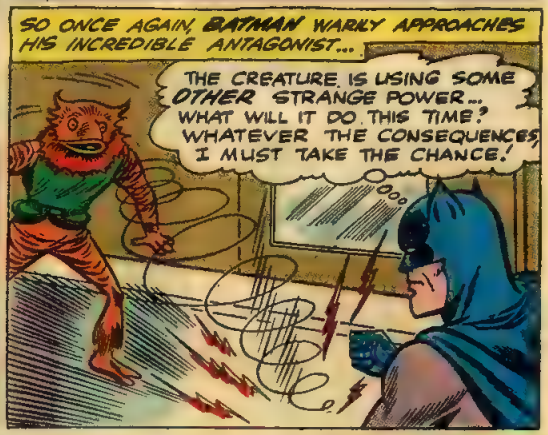

AFTERWARDS, THE PERPLEXED BATMAN AND ROBIN PACE THE FLOORS OF THE BAT-CAVE, UNTIL...
I HAVE A PLAN, ROBIN! DO YOU RECALL THE EXACT SHADE OF THE CROOKS' GETAWAY CAR? I THINK THIS WAS IT!
YES, IT WAS... BUT HOW CAN KNOWING THAT HELP US FIGHT AN EERIE, INVULNERABLE CREATURE?

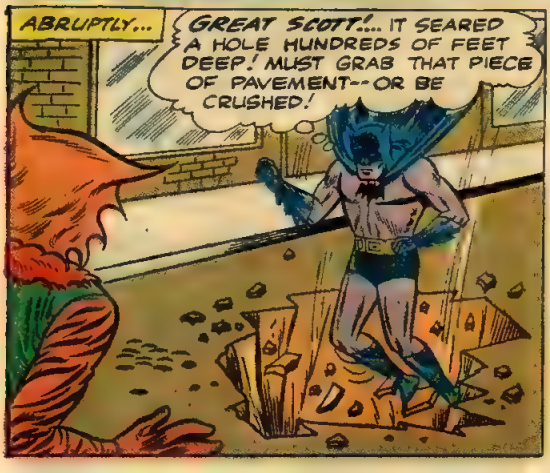

IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE! NEXT TIME WE GO OUT ON PATROL, WE'RE TAKING A GUN ALONG... A PAINT SPRAY GUN! BUT FIRST, I MUST MIX A SUPPLY OF PAINT, EXACTLY THAT SHADE!

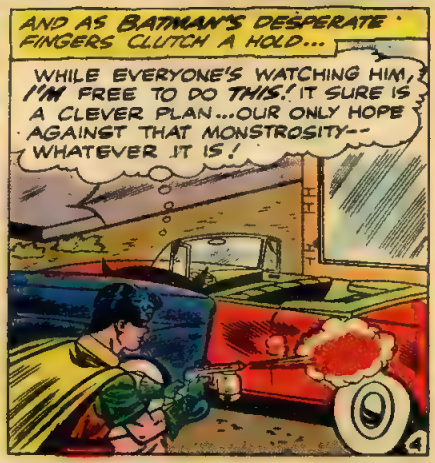

NEXT EVENING, AS THE DYNAMIC DUO PATROLS GOTHAM CITY...
THERE'S THAT SIGNAL... THE GANG MUST BE READY TO STRIKE AGAIN! TURN THE RADIO TO POLICE WAVE-LENGTH, ROBIN... WE'LL PICK UP A CALL THAT'LL DIRECT US TO THEM!


MEANWHILE, NOT FAR AWAY...
WHAT A CINCH! THIS JOB SHOULD NET US A COOL HUNDRED THOUSAND!
FIRST NATIONAL PIGGY BANK! ENCOURAGE SAVING AMONG CHILDREN! WE ACCEPT NO DEPOSITOR OVER 12 YEARS OF AGE!
BETTER CALL HEAD-QUARTERS... GET ALL CARS DOWN HERE!


MINUTES LATER, WHEN BATMAN AND ROBIN ARRIVE...
REMEMBER OUR PLAN... I'LL GO FOR THE CROOKS AND THE CREATURE!
RIGHT... AND I'LL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE EXCITEMENT TO USE THE PAINT SPRAYER!


SO ONCE AGAIN, BATMAN WARILY APPROACHES HIS INCREDIBLE ANTAGONIST...
THE CREATURE IS USING SOME OTHER STRANGE POWER... WHAT WILL IT DO THIS TIME? WHATEVER THE CONSEQUENCES, I MUST TAKE THE CHANCE!


ABRUPTLY...
GREAT SCOTT!... IT SEARED A HOLE HUNDREDS OF FEET DEEP! MUST GRAB THAT PIECE OF PAVEMENT--OR BE CRUSHED!


AND AS BATMAN'S DESPERATE FINGERS CLUTCH A HOLD...
WHILE EVERYONE'S WATCHING HIM, I'M FREE TO DO THIS! IT SURE IS A CLEVER PLAN... OUR ONLY HOPE AGAINST THAT MONSTROSITY--WHATEVER IT IS!

SHORTLY AFTERWARD, WITH THE GETAWAY CAR GONE...
I ACCOMPLISHED MY END OF THE JOB, BATMAN!
GOOD... I STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT CREATURE IS -- OR HOW THOSE CROOKS CONTROL IT-- BUT WE'VE TAKEN THE FIRST STEP TOWARD FINDING OUT!
NEXT EVENING, WHEN THE WEIRD SIGNAL AGAIN ILLUMINES THE SKY...
THAT MUST BE OUR FRIENDS... AND THEY'RE SUMMONING THE SKY CREATURE TO THEIR AID! WELL... WE'RE COMING, TOO!
CROOKS IN RED CONVERTIBE SEEN AT MULLIN'S WAREHOUSE!
SOON, AT THE SIGHT OF A STRANGE WAREHOUSE...
THERE'S THE GETAWAY CAR, NEAR THE STRUCTURE MULLINS ERECTED TO COMMEMORATE HIS HALLOWEEN BIRTHDAY!
GOOD...LET'S STAY OUT OF SIGHT! WE'LL LET THEM GET AWAY, THEN START FOLLOWING WHEN THEY'RE OUT OF SIGHT!
HIDDEN IN DEEP SHADOWS, THE DYNAMIC DUO WAITS UNTIL...
I'M READING THEM! SHOULD WE GO NOW, OR GIVE THEM MORE OF A START?
JUST A FEW MOMENTS! WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THEY CAN'T SEE US FOLLOWING THEM!
KLIK! KLIK!
MOMENTS LATER...
KLIK! KLIK!
THAT RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCE YOU MIXED WITH THE RED PAINT IS SENDING STRONG SIGNALS! WE CAN FOLLOW MILES BEHIND THEM, WITHOUT SUSPECTING WE'RE ON THEIR TAIL!
PRESENTLY...
THAT'S THEIR HIDEOUT! WE'LL PARK HERE AND CREEP UP ON THEM!
AT LAST--WE'RE ABOUT TO DISCOVER WHAT'S BEHIND THE MYSTERY OF THE SKY CREATURE!
KLIK! KLIK!
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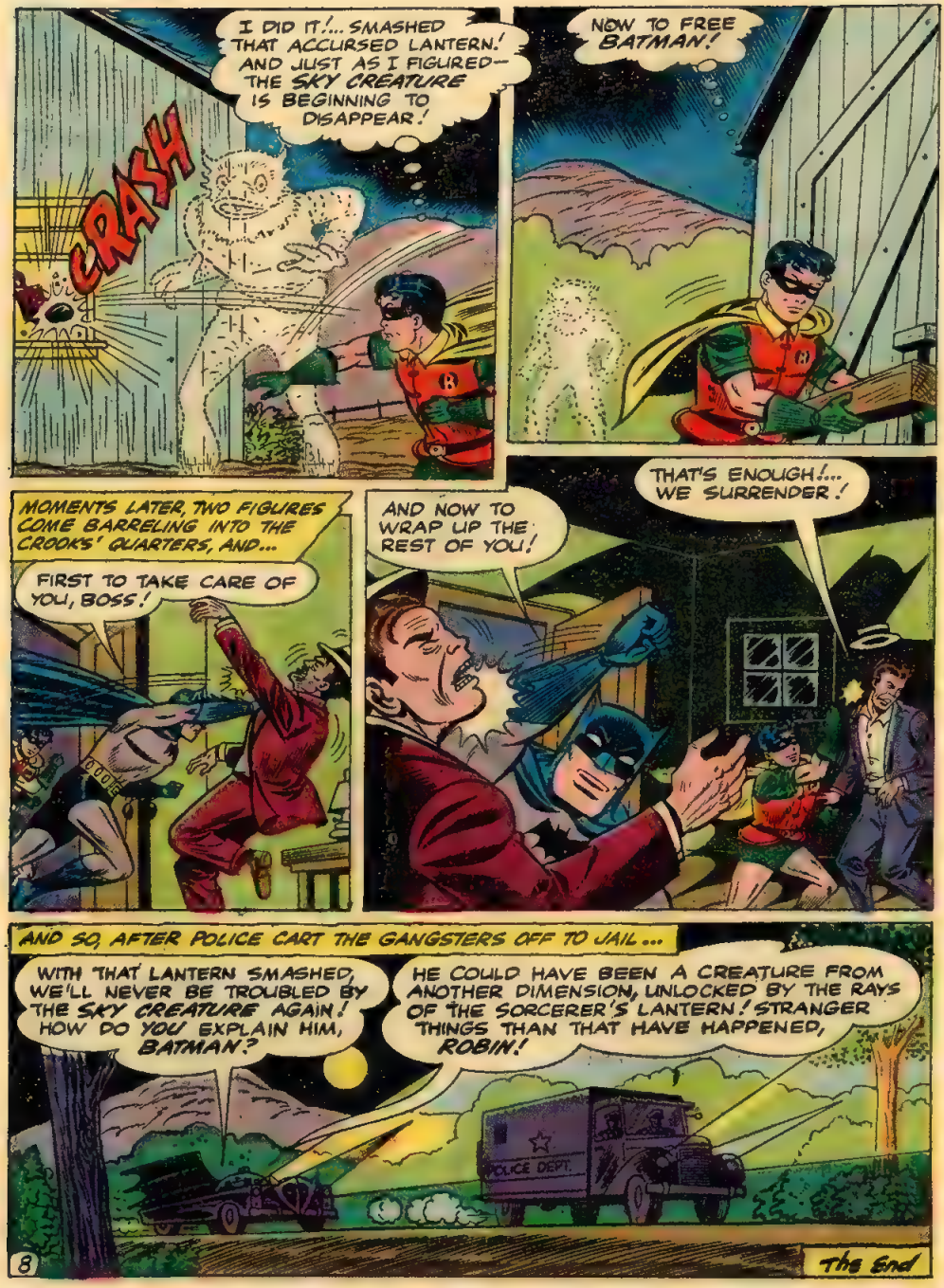
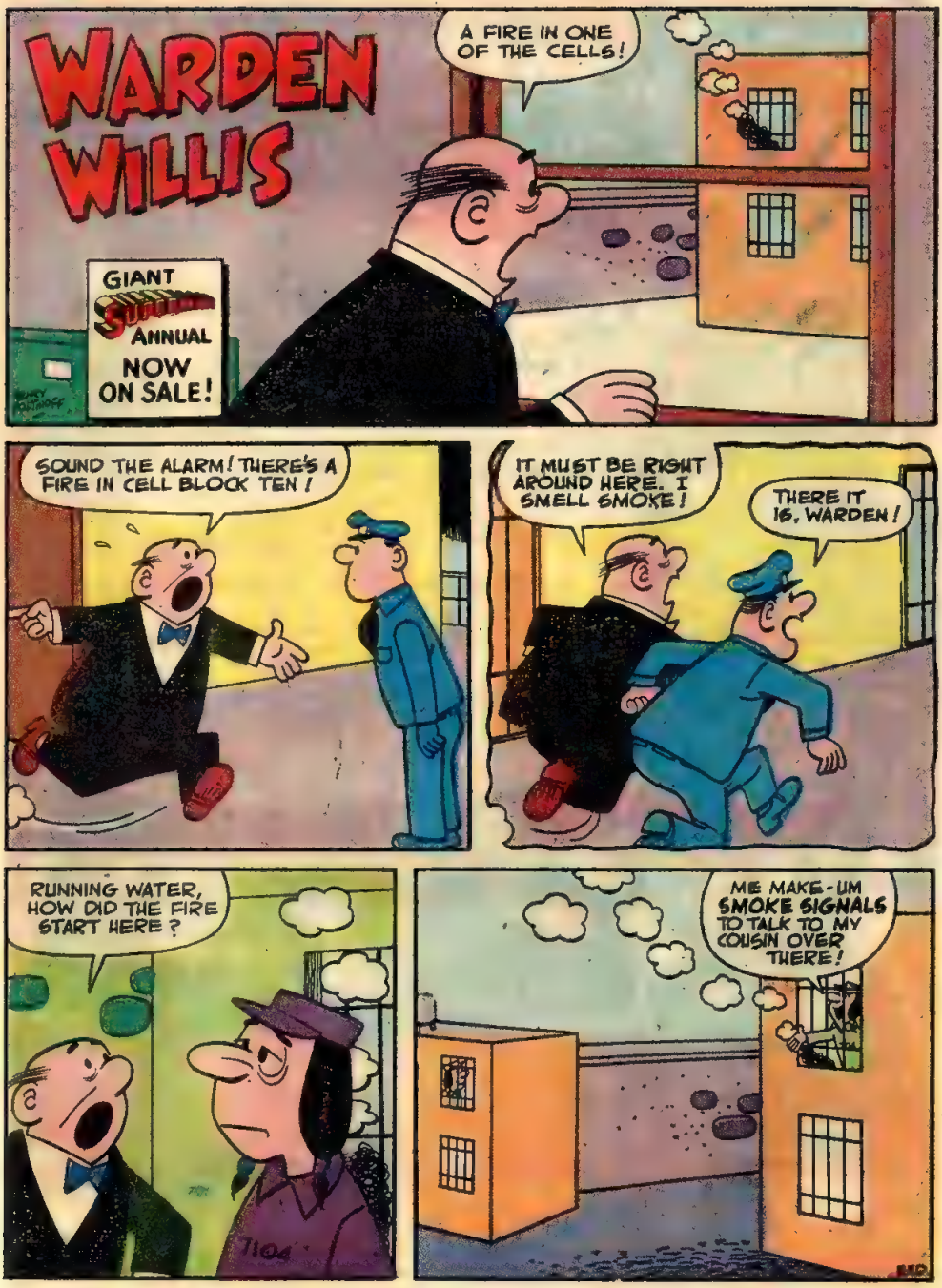
SUDDENLY, THE SCARECROWS COME TO LIFE...
DON'T MOVE, BATMAN!
JUST A LITTLE PRECAUTION, IN CASE WE GET UNEXPECTED VISITORS! I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU TRACED US HERE, BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER NOW! THIS IS CURTAINS FOR YOU TWO!
WHAT--?
ALL RIGHT-- YOU'VE GOT US COLD... BUT-- THE CREATURE...
DYIN' OF CURIOSITY, EH, BATMAN? GUESS THERE'S NO HARM IN TELLIN' YOU, SINCE YOU'RE ABOUT TO DIE!
A FEW WEEKS AGO, WHEN WE BROKE INTO AN ANTIQUE SHOP, WE CAME ACROSS A SEALED, ANCIENT CHEST WITH FUNNY WORDS BURNT INTO IT! THEY SAID, "THE ACCURSED LANTERN OF CELPHUS THE SORCERER! DO NOT OPEN!"
"WE BROKE OPEN THE CHEST, AND DISCOVERED A STRANGE VERSE INSIDE..."
LET MY FEEBLE RAYS PROBE CLOUD HIGH
TO SUMMON FROM THE MOONLIT SKY
.. THE SKY CREATURE!
HE COMES FROM A MAGIC LAND,
HIS POWER IS YOURS TO COMMAND
...AND THE LANTERN WORKED, AS YOU SAW FOR YOURSELF! IT CAN ONLY KEEP THE CREATURE AROUND FOR 15 MINUTES AT A TIME-- THEN THE CREATURE DISAPPEARS BY ITSELF! WHILE HERE, IT OBEYS WHOEVER LIGHTS THE LANTERN!..
...AND I'M LIGHTING IT NOW--SO THE SKY CREATURE WILL COME AND GET RID OF YOU FOR US! LOCK 'EM IN THE BARN, BOYS, WHILE WE WAIT FOR THE CREATURE AT THE FARMHOUSE!

SOON, INSIDE THE BARN...
HMM... THEY DIDN'T BIND OUR LEGS!
SO WHAT? WE CAN'T UNBOLT THAT DOOR OR JUMP THROUGH THAT WINDOW!
OH, NO?... JUST WATCH ME!
NOW, DO WHAT I DID, ROBIN... BUT GRAPPLE MY CHEST WITH YOUR LEGS!
INSTANTS LATER, A HUMAN CHAIN SWINGS BACK AND FORTH...
THAT'S IT--LIKE A PENDULUM... A LITTLE HIGHER EACH TIME WE SWAY!
AND SOON... HIGH ENOUGH FOR ME TO SHOOT THROUGH THAT WINDOW!
NEXT MOMENT... ROBIN SOMERSAULTS IN MID-AIR AND...
I'LL HAVE TO USE ALL MY ACROBATIC SKILL TO LAND ON MY FEET... AND THEN, SEVER THESE BONDS ON A PIECE OF THAT BROKEN GLASS!
CRASH
AND JUST AS ROBIN FREES HIS ARMS...
THE SKY CREATURE!... THE CROOKS HAVE DISPATCHED IT TO US! THIS STONE -- OUR ONLY CHANCE...


I DID IT!... SMASHED THAT ACCURSED LANTERN! AND JUST AS I FIGURED— THE SKY CREATURE IS BEGINNING TO DISAPPEAR!
CRASH
NOW TO FREE BATMAN!
MOMENTS LATER, TWO FIGURES COME BARRELING INTO THE CROOKS' QUARTERS, AND...
FIRST TO TAKE CARE OF YOU, BOSS!
AND NOW TO WRAP UP THE REST OF YOU!
THAT'S ENOUGH!... WE SURRENDER!
AND SO, AFTER POLICE CART THE GANGSTERS OFF TO JAIL...
WITH THAT LANTERN SMASHED, WE'LL NEVER BE TROUBLED BY THE SKY CREATURE AGAIN! HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN HIM, BATMAN?
HE COULD HAVE BEEN A CREATURE FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION, UNLOCKED BY THE RAYS OF THE SORCERER'S LANTERN! STRANGER THINGS THAN THAT HAVE HAPPENED, ROBIN!
POLICE DEPT.
The End


WARDEN WILLIS
A FIRE IN ONE OF THE CELLS!
GIANT SUPERMAN ANNUAL NOW ON SALE!
SOUND THE ALARM! THERE'S A FIRE IN CELL BLOCK TEN!
IT MUST BE RIGHT AROUND HERE. I SMELL SMOKE!
THERE IT IS, WARDEN!
RUNNING WATER, HOW DID THE FIRE START HERE?
ME MAKE-UM SMOKE SIGNALS TO TALK TO MY COUSIN OVER THERE!
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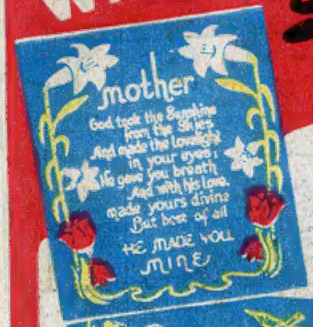

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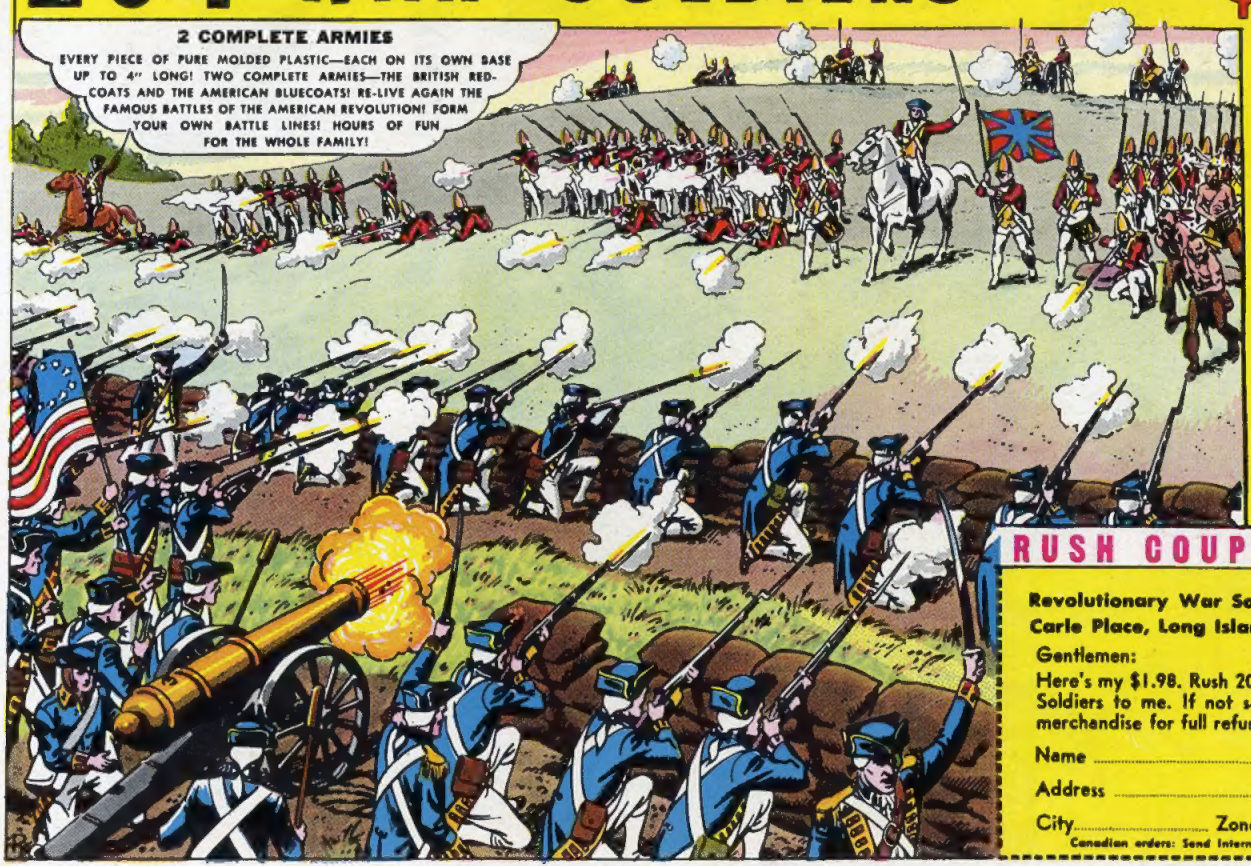

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